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Mr. Norman G. Harper
Chief, Design & Construction Division
Public Buildings Service, Region 3
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20407

Attention: Mr. Walter A. Meisen

Dear Mr. Harper:

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This will confirm [redacted] conversation today with Mr. Meisen in connection with the construction of the tape vault in our Headquarters building. The plans and specifications prepared by your Design & Construction Division comply with our security requirements and are acceptable to us.

Our letter of 20 February 1964 to Mr. Innamorati made funds not to exceed \$4,000 available to Public Buildings Service for this project under the usual 1080 procedure. However, a determination by Design & Construction Division that the floor of the proposed tape vault would not support the earlier proposed construction has made it necessary to use a lighter block and more extensive metal reinforcing to stay within the load limit and at the same time meet our critical security requirements.

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Mr. Meisen advised [redacted] that these changed requirements will increase the estimated cost to about \$9,000.00, including a 10 per cent contingency. Accordingly, additional funds not to exceed \$5,000 are available for reimbursement to PBS for the revised project (a total of \$9,000) under the usual 1080 procedure.

In order to expedite the completion of this project to the fullest extent possible it is requested that you immediately negotiate a contract with one of the contractors who had bid on the earlier proposed construction. We understand that you can get such contractor on the job early next week with a completion date of 15 April. It is imperative that this completion date be met. Until the problem of the floor load developed we had expected to have this project completed by 13 March. Each day of delay is adding to an already critical situation. The completion and occupancy

of the tape vault is the key to the implementation of other highly critical projects in our Headquarters building and no effort should be spared to get this job done no later than 15 April.

Mr. Meisen has been most cooperative and helpful. We appreciate his interest in our problem.

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Sincerely,



Deputy Chief
Real Estate & Construction Division

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